Cash crops to be grown in the country

2595. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made of the cash crops that will be produced in the country because of good rain;

(b) if so, the State-wise break-up; and

(c) whether advance planning has been made for their proper storage and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) Rainfall and weather conditions during the current year i.e. 1988-89 have generally been favourable in almost all the States. It is too early to give any precise idea about the level of production of cash crops in the country. However, according to present indications, if weather remains favourable in remaining parts of the year, the targetted levels of different cash crops are likely to be achieved.

(c) The designated public sector agencies have been fully geared to mop up all quantities offered at minimum/support prices for proper storage and release at appropriate time.

Subsidies on chemical fertilizers

2596. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether subsidies on chemical fertilizers are a serious strain on the economy;

(b) whether chemical fertilizers are mainly used by effluent farmers;

(c) whether bio-organic farming is gaining widespread use as a part of sustainable agriculture; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps taken to introduce their use in a big way to reduce the use of chemical fertilizers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The sale price of chemical Fertilizers is subsidised by the Government.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Government have already taken up programme of production and promotion of use of Bio-fertilizers such as Rhizobium and Blue Green Algae culture under the National Project on Development and Use of Bio-fertilizers. These will supplement the use of chemical fertilizers on leguminous crops and wet-land rice.

Substandard ship purchased by the ICAR

2597. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ship purchased by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research for research purpose has proved to be substandard; and

(b) if so, the details of the expenditure incurred so far on its maintenance and repair?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) The performance of the Research Vessel (R.V.) Skipjack at Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (ICAR), Cochin, is substandard.

(b) An expenditure of Rs. 66,48,408.37 has been incurred on maintenance and repairs of this ship till 15th November, 1988.

Short term loan to Andhra Pradesh

2598. SHRI GOPALA RAO, RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry have sanctioned short term loans to Andhra Pradesh for the purchase and distribution of agricultural inputs during 1987-88; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An amount of Rs. 23.5 crores was sanctioned to Government of Andhra Pradesh as short term loan during the year 1987-88.

Schemes for Employment of Youths

2599. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce schemes like the scheme for Employment for the Educated unemployed youth (SEEUY) and the programme for urban poor, the self-employment programme for the urban poor (SEPUP) in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme introduced and the amount spent and the number of youth and unemployed benefited as a result thereof during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY): (a) The Centrally Sponsored scheme of Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment (TRYSEM) is in operation in all States and U.Ts. of the country. The objective of TRYSEM is to provide technical skills to rural youth from families below poverty line to enable them to take self employment or employment in the fields of Agriculture, Industry, Services and business.

(b) A statement showing the progress of TRYSEM during the last 3 years in Andhra Pradesh is enclosed. (*See below*)

Statement

Progress under TRYSEM in Andhra Pradesh during the last 3 years

Item	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
1. Number of youth trained.	7388	10394	11382
2. Number of youth self-employed.	4389	4633	6406
3. Number of youth wage employed.	NR	1068	1036
4. Total Number of trained youth employed	4389	5701	7445
5. Expenditure on Training (through IRDP) (Rs. in lakhs)	126.58	138.40	168.54
6. Intrastructure assistance to training institutions (Central Share) (Rs. in lakhs)	7.09	30.05	38.80